

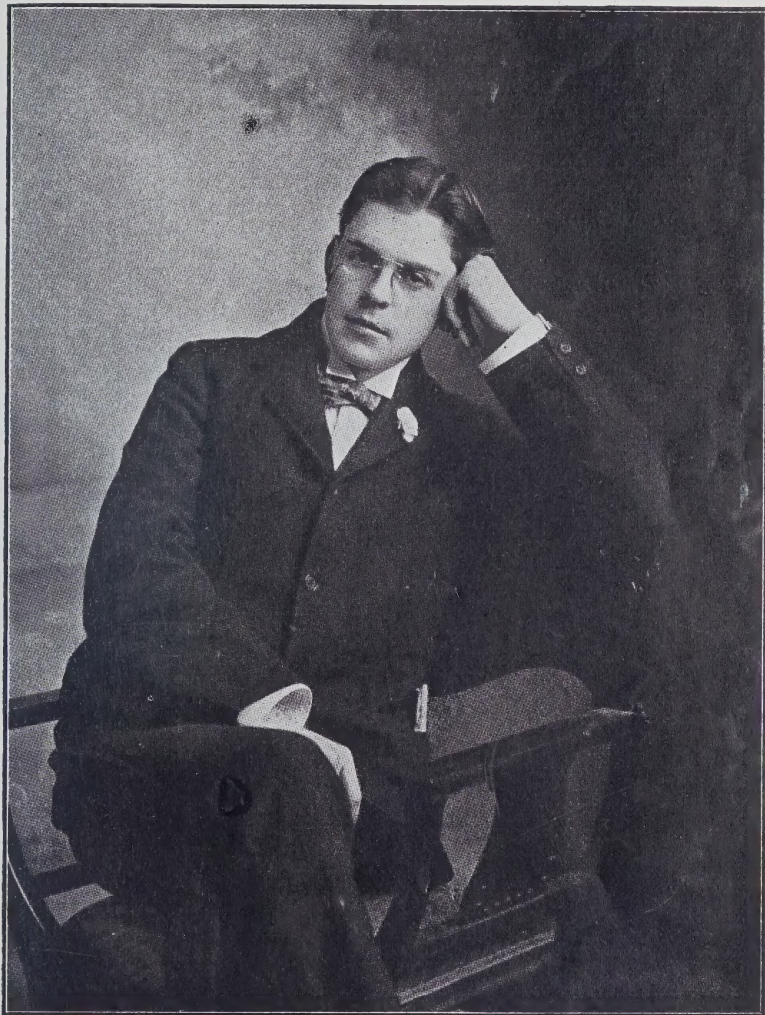
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ALBERT EDWARD BARNARD,
OF CHICAGO,
EDITOR OF SANS GENE AND POPULAR CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT
NATIONAL AMATEUR PRESS ASSOCIATION.

BARNARD FOR PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL

Scores of Prominent Members of the Association Petition Him to Become a Candidate

Responds to the Call by Accepting Nomination — Promises Enthusiastic and Successful Administration—Popularity is Widespread—His Election Practically Conceded

The man whom the wise ones predict will be the next president of the National Amateur Press Association has been nominated by almost universal demand, and he has accepted the support offered him and has consented to make the race. The popular candidate is ALBERT EDWARD BARNARD of Chicago, editor of *Sans Gene*, and, judging by the number of prominent members who have petitioned him to become a candidate, he is destined to be elected by one of the largest majorities ever enjoyed by any president of our organization.

The petition, with its numerous signatures, is as follows :

P E T I T I O N

" To ALBERT EDWARD BARNARD, Chicago, Illinois.

Greeting:—Desiring above all things to insure the perpetuity of amateur journalism as represented by the National Amateur Press Association, and to have continued without interruption the highly prosperous condition now being enjoyed by the association, and believing that through you this work can best be accomplished, we, the undersigned, hereby earnestly petition you to become a candidate for the office of President; promising our hearty and loyal support at all times, and offering our active efforts in behalf of your election :

Theodore B Thiele
Hal C Bixby
Harrie Chester Morris
(Mrs) V M Morris
Foster Gilroy
Walter E Mellinger
A J Robinson
Edward M Lind
Eleanor C Dowden
Julius O Roehl
Russell Hertzog
James C Hecker, Jr
W Frank Babcock
Lucien Terrence
Stanton Eldridge
Dean Granger
George Freitag
James Burke
Eugene Main
J M Knapp
William A Ogilvie
Wendell Cotton
P Wm Voltz
Ray J Kupfer
Peter Gould
Hyman Blumberg
Harry T Cook

John Lupien
George A Alderman
Charles R Burger
William B Burger
Louis E Bisch
William Wallace Oest
Pauline Greiner-Ibert
Raymond T Boot
Thomas Carey
Sven Grouberger
William Verrinder, Jr
Ellery Phillips
Helen S Dawes
Roger Hogan
Henry W Larkin
A H Goodenough
William T Butler
Lester S Abberley
Edward T Hale
Elizabeth W F Jackson
Elsie Unger
Robert Shaffer
John Moody
Wm T Voegel
Henry Gissel, Jr
Harry Krusa
Hyatt L Marshall

Walter S Goff
Will C Ahlhauser
Louis C Wills
E St Elmo Lewis
John Wm Schomaker
F S C Wicks
Edward J Hardcastle
Kathleen F Smith
Edwin Hadley Smith
John Burke
P H Taylor
Martha Ellen Hale
Gerald Rutledge
James Wilkinson
William B Tracy
Edmund J Williams
Edward R Hudson
Bayard B Snowden
Howard W Sullivan
Edwin C Vanderpool
George Pirsch
Alfred Osterland, Jr
Kinnie C McDonald
Samuel J Comfort
John F Robertson
Martin McNulty
Richard J Ryan
Zula Van Wormer

A Few Endorsements

"The Olympian Club of Brooklyn heartily endorses Albert Edward Barnard of Chicago, for President of the National Amateur Press Association, to be elected July 3, 1903, at Chicago.

Walter T. Voegel, Pres. L. E. Bisch, Secy.

"I have no objection to Barnard for president."
—Truman J. Spencer.

"I wouldn't be surprised if I supported Barnard very strongly."—Sam J. Steinberg.

"I will support Barnard, as I cannot support Peltret or Callaway."—Walter S. Goff.

BARNARD ACCEPTS NOMINATION

In Response to the Petition of Prominent N.
A. P. A. Members He Consents to
Make the Race for President

OUTLINES AN INTERESTING PLATFORM

**Favors Everything That Means Long Life to National
—A Vigorous Recruiting System—Elimin-
ation of Factional Differences**

In response to the petition you have so kindly sent me, I can only say that the evidence of confidence and esteem therein expressed by you in asking me to become a candidate for the presidency of the National Amateur Press Association is most highly appreciated. The presidency of our organization is a distinction of which any member may well be proud, but I had never supposed I would be solicited by such a prominent and representative body of amateur journalists to fill the position.

In view of this fact I can hardly do otherwise than accept your nomination.

Inasmuch as you have placed your confidence in me and pledged your loyal support I will consent to make the race, trusting that a successful outcome of the election will enable me to demonstrate to you that your confidence has not been misplaced. As many of you know, I have been a member of our association since 1894, and therefore believe I thoroughly understand its operation and purposes. I have devoted considerable time and money to the cause, and am greatly interested in sowing the seeds of enthusiasm and activity that shall bear a greater crop of amateur journalists than has ever been gathered before.

To those of you who may expect something in the way of a platform I will say that I am in favor of everything that means long and vigorous life for the National Amateur Press Association. I favor a larger, active membership, with plenty of money in the treasury to meet every legitimate requirement, the elimination of all factional differences among members, the production of an ever increasing number of first-class publications, the development of a movement having as its object the extension of second-class postal rates to all publishers of the association, the placing of the official organ in the leading Y. M. C. A. reading rooms, and the encouragement and development of local press clubs in the leading amateur centers of the country.

While opposed to a wholesale consolidation with any other organization claiming to be a representative body of amateur journalists, I favor systematic recruiting among such bodies in order that we may win over to our organization the very best element found therein. "Success" clubs, amateur literary and dramatic societies, and the editorial staffs of high school papers I also believe to constitute a good field from which to secure new members. As president I should exercise my prerogative as an ex-

officio member of every committee and see to it that no one had time enough to forget how to be active and enthusiastic.

I may state frankly and positively that I am in no wise bound to any certain political or factional element of the association. I am positively free from entangling alliances of any character, and as your president would serve each and every member faithfully and impartially. I have always endeavored to merit the confidence and respect of every fellow amateur, and as your chief executive I should work for the harmonization of all differences and the up-building of every movement and idea designed to promote the general welfare of the association at large.

I believe my record is such that I need state at no greater length what I would or would not do. Your very petition and the number of you who have signed it indicate a complete confidence in my ability to fulfill the duties of the office of president practically and satisfactorily. I thank you most sincerely for such an evidence of your esteem and trust that future developments will serve to bear out your expectations in this regard. I stand for all that means progress and prosperity for the association, and in case of my election I look to you who have asked me to be your president to assist me in bringing about that commendable condition.

Again thanking you for the honor you would confer upon me, and hoping I fully merit the confidence you have reposed in me, I am

Sincerely and fraternally,

ALBERT EDWARD BARNARD

What They Think of Barnard

"I look with favor upon the candidacy of Mr. Barnard * * * I think I will vote for Barnard."
—*Nathan H. Ferguson.*

"So far as I have observed Mr. Barnard's work I think he would make a candidate that would give any opponent a run for his money."
—*Edward J. Hardcastle.*

"I consider Mr. Barnard an excellent man, and should no better man be nominated, if indeed that is possible, he will have my cordial support."
—*F. Graeme Davis.*

"Personally, I know of no other man, outside of President Wills himself, who could effect so much stimulation into amateurdom's foremost representative, the National, than Mr. Barnard. He is New York's choice."
—*John Lupien.*

National Reception Committee

Owing to Mr. Callaway's removal from Chicago to New York, that gentleman consented to resign the office of Chairman of the National Reception Committee. President Wills immediately appointed Walter E. Mellinger as the new member and the committee has elected Carl F. W. Hegert as its executive officer and Miss Frees as secretary. The committee is now as follows: Carl F. W. Hegert, Albert E. Barnard, Amanda E. Frees, Hal C. Bixby and Walter E. Mellinger. An elaborate program has been arranged and the Great Northern Hotel secured for convention headquarters and meeting place, banquet, entertainment, etc.,

ALBERT EDWARD BARNARD

The able editor of *Sans Gene*, and at present the evidently popular choice for next president of the National Amateur Press Association, was born in Chicago, May 2, 1876. During his student days in the public schools he developed notable activity in literary studies and in the production of essays and stories, and when the World's Fair of 1893 was opened he left high school and secured a position on the *Chicago Times*, working under the personal direction of Carter H. Harrison, the present Mayor of Chicago. Although he started in as a messenger, he soon became librarian of what was then the finest newspaper library in the west; and in his work of assisting the exchange editor he became acquainted with the amateur writers' page published in the Sunday edition of the *Washington* (D. C.) *Post*, eventually becoming a regular contributor to that page, not knowing at that time of the existence of the National Amateur Press Association.

His insatiable desire for writing soon obtained a position for him on the city staff of the *Times*, and when that paper was absorbed by the *Herald* he joined the staff of the *Chronicle*, a year later becoming identified with the *News*. In the summer of 1896 he and Allison C. Brokaw embarked in what proved to be a disastrous country newspaper venture at Princeton, Ill., and in telling of his experience he declares that the former owner of the paper so thoroughly cleaned up all subscription and advertising contracts due that all Mr. Brokaw and himself got out of the deal, to offset an investment of several hundred dollars of borrowed capital, were a few free livery rigs, a cheap hat rack, a hand-me-down suit of clothes and a railroad pass back to Chicago. Afterwards Mr. Barnard traveled around the country with an advertising man getting up special commercial and industrial editions of leading newspapers. Since that time he has confined his efforts to papers of a financial and commercial character, being at present editor of the *Commercial Chronicle*.

An extended illustrated write-up in the *Chicago Evening Post* at the National convention of 1895 first attracted Mr. Barnard's attention to that organization, and it was not long before Walter E. Mellinger had him enrolled as a full fledged member. While attending West Division High School Mr. Barnard was for a time business manager and associate editor of *The Voice*, the school paper, but his first real amateur paper, published in 1895, was known as *The Amateur Writer*, succeeding Mr. Mellinger's original publication of the same title. He issued three or four numbers of this able little paper, and then, in company with J. Herbert Phillips, C. Ross Clarke and Wallace R. Thurman, produced a rather pretentious publication known as *Clique*. A spritely sheet dubbed *Between The Acts* was then issued by him for a short time, and later on he became associate editor on *Ink Drops*, at the same time writing for *The East* under the nom de plume of "The Deacon." Eventually *Sans Gene* was established.

In the spring of 1895 Mr. Barnard and George L. Colburn, of Pekin, Ill., reorganized the Illi-

nois Amateur Press Association, the latter being president and the former official editor. The administration of these gentlemen was the most enthusiastic and successful that association ever enjoyed. During 1895-6 Mr. Barnard filled the offices of president and treasurer of the Chicago Amateur Press Club in the most able and satisfactory manner, and ever since he has been closely identified with the operations of the local amateur press clubs, being at present one of the executive committee.

President Burger appointed Mr. Barnard chairman of the reception committee for the Chicago convention of 1895, and at that convention he was elected recording secretary of the National by a large majority. He was offered the presidency as a compromise choice, after each of the other candidates failed to get a majority on account of a dead-lock, but he declined the honor because of his confining duties on the *Chicago Chronicle* at that time, with the result that Will Hancock was finally elected. Last year Mr. Barnard was a member of the Bureau of Publicity appointed by President Nixon, and this year he has been appointed a member of the Chicago convention reception committee by President Wills, all of which attest his high standing as a foremost member of the association.

Last year the Hub Club of Boston honored Mr. Barnard by nominating him for the presidency of the N.A.P.A., and promised him a solid New England vote in its behalf, but again he felt that he could not at that time give the office sufficient attention to insure such a successful administration as he would like to have given. For the third time, however, many of the most prominent members of the National Amateur Press Association have petitioned Mr. Barnard to become a candidate for the presidency, and, finding his business affairs in such shape that he can afford to spend both the time and money essential to the proper filling of this honorable position, he has decided that he owes it to these many importunate friends to accept their tender of support and make the race.

During the nine years Mr. Barnard has been a member of the National he has ever evinced a strong and constantly growing attachment for the organization. He could not shake off the influences and associations of amateur journalism if he would, and he seems to be in every respect a noteworthy evidence of the time honored phrase of "once an amateur always an amateur." He is ever striving to build up the cause of amateur journalism, as represented by the National Amateur Press Association, his recent \$25 00 cash prize contest for authors having been designed especially to incite enthusiasm, activity and the very best efforts of his fellow amateurs. He is a gentleman of notable editorial and unquestioned executive ability, and these qualifications, coupled with his enthusiasm, experience and high standing in the association, will combine to make him, if elected, one of the ablest and most acceptable executives the organization has ever had.

See accompanying supplement for complete ticket of National candidates.

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NATIONAL TICKET

For President

ALBERT EDWARD BARNARD,
of Chicago, editor of *Sans Gene*

First Vice President

JOHN LUPIEN, New York City

Second Vice President

LOUIS M. STARRING, Grand View, Tennessee

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A. H. GOODENOUGH, W. Brattleboro, Vermont

Official Editor

WALTER SQUIRE GOFF, Britton, Michigan

Executive Judges

Foster Gilroy, **Anthony E. Wills,** **A. H. Hutchinson**

Convention Seat

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

The above ticket is, with one or two exceptions, the same as the "New York Ticket," and consists of the only active candidates in the field. It is a purely independent slate, governed by no organization, faction or ring, but universally endorsed by all leading amateurs and clubs.

Don't fail to mail your proxy on time and vote for A. E. Barnard

A Word Concerning the "Crusade"

Mr. Barnard Replies to Mr. Hegert's Viperous Attack in the "Crusade Bulletin," Recently Issued by Hegert, et al.

Several months ago when the idea of a crusade was mentioned to me by Carl Hegert, and he announced his intentions of opposing me as a candidate for the presidency of the National Amateur Press Association, I told him that I would like to see a campaign based on honest criticism and friendly rivalry, if necessary, but absolutely free from mean, petty mud slinging, or underhanded work of any kind. He agreed with my announced policy in the matter, and I was expecting him to live up to it, believing him at the time to be a man of his word. In fact, I had hoped that the campaign of 1903 would be fought out in a quiet, dignified and thoroughly honorable manner, but the appearance of *The Crusade Bulletin* knocks all such anticipations into a cocked hat.

Having been villified and maligned by the Crusade, I am compelled to take up the discussion started, as much as I regret having to even dignify Mr. Hegert by recognizing his so-called reform movement. In the first place, Mr. Hegert says I am Mr. Burger's candidate, and am therefore unworthy to be elected president of the N. A. P. A. The plain truth of the matter is that nearly 100 members of the association, among whom was Mr. Burger, sent me a petition urging me to become a candidate and I accepted. I admit that I have allowed myself to hope that some day I might become president of our association, while all New England knows the Hub Club tendered me the nomination a year ago, but the present has proved itself the most opportune moment for me to seriously consider the matter. I have evidence of the fact that I am the free and unsolicited choice of a large number of our membership, and for their benefit I shall remain a candidate until elected or defeated on July 3.

Mr. Hegert urges against me the fact that I am married and that I am therefore unfit to be president, as my domestic duties, coupled with my regular business, preclude

proper devotion to the duties of the office. I am proud of the fact that I am married, and still prouder of the fact that I am the father of a two year old boy, who, God sparing him, will some day be president of the N. A. P. A. long after Hegert's name and actions shall have passed into complete oblivion. According to the Crusade theory, it is an amateur crime to be over 21 years of age, a penitentiary offense to be married, and capital punishment to be a father. And it is death without trial to be a candidate for any office in the National Amateur Press Association.

According to the Villifiers' League of A. J., I am devoid of executive ability, genuine enthusiasm, and don't amount to much in general. Nobody does who isn't heart and soul in the Crusade movement. I can not be so egotistical as to answer the above charge as it should be answered, but will only say that I occupy a position on a professional paper that Hegert could not fill after ten years of hard application. It is really astonishing that a person of his age and limited experience should set himself up as an infallible judge of human nature and ability, yet in this respect his presumption is only exceeded by his utter disregard for the truth and his lack of good common sense.

The editor of *The Crusade Bulletin* further evidences his contempt for the truth by stating that I have but one active supporter in the Chicago Amateur Press Club. I can not only name a goodly number that would surprise this young Don Quixote, but it is only necessary to produce the club records to show that measures and actions I have fathered have been liberally supported and passed with but very few exceptions. And they are quite likely to be in the future, notwithstanding the ceaseless efforts of Mr. Hegert to poison the minds of club members against me, which, happily, he does not succeed in doing. If the truth were known, it might be stated that he is prostituting his office as president of the local club in order

to further his personal ambitions for national preferment to such an extent that he is liable to find himself a prophet without honor in his own country at a not far distant date.

The original idea of the crusade to insure pure and honorable politics for the National Amateur Press Association is commendable, but the manner in which its sponsors have handled the movement is contemptible. All along they have been posing as my friends, assuring me of their high personal regard and evincing an uncommon interest in my welfare. But the *Bulletin* unmasks them, shows their stealthy, ulterior, unworthy motives, and convicts them of stabbing me in the back while pretending to be friendly to my face. For this I can only feel that it is another lesson in the unceasing study of human duplicity and that humanity is frail at best. Be it said to the credit of some contributors to the *Bulletin* that they were misinformed as to real purpose of the crusade and are sorry they identified themselves with it so hastily. Whether they recant remains to be seen. I never saw any movement succeed whose primary object was perverted and prostituted as has been that of the crusade, and there can be little doubt in the minds of thinking people that the action of these so-called reformers, who have a political axe of their own to grind, will prove a boomerang that will return and rap them sharply over their unworthy heads.

I regret exceedingly that the action of the Crusade has made necessary such a vigorous reply on my part, but I am confident all lovers of fair play and honorable methods will consider me justified in so doing. It will not disappoint me greatly if I shall be defeated, but if elected I am prepared to give the organization an administration of consistent progress, enthusiasm, and activity that will compare favorably, I hope, with any that have gone before. If I am not elected somebody else will have to assume the burdensome duties of the office. I may be presumptuous and undignified to take up so much space with an article of this character, but I am not the kind to stand villification and distorted statements without making reply in order that the fraternity at large may understand the true facts in the case.

But whether I win or lose, fellow-members, let me sink this warning deeply into

your hearts: Don't be led astray by any such false reform movement as is the Crusade under its present leadership! Don't be led like a lot of sheep to do the vindictive work of a member who is notoriously opposed to everything and everybody that does not conform to his own peculiar ideas! Don't think the association will die if the so-called fossils do not drop out, and don't think it will progress very rapidly if they do drop out! Do not allow your common sense to be befogged by the cry of "machine politics," nor do not believe that the primary nominating system, fostered by the Crusade, will produce any different political conditions. Under existing constitutional conditions as many tickets can go in the field as members care to nominate and our proxy ballot system provides a means whereby every member may vote for whomsoever he chooses, thereby insuring the election of a popular choice in every case.

Lastly, but perhaps the most important point of all, is the fact that the leaders of the Crusade movement, so called, and a number of its strongest supporters are active and loyal members of the United Amateur Press Association—our bitterest rival—and have gained a foothold in the National within the last two or three years. Are you going to let them bluff you into giving them control of the association so that they may consolidate it with the United, or run it in the same "jerk water" way the United has been managed? Are we going to have a vigorous, progressive, dignified, representative National Amateur Press Association, as we always have had, or are you going to allow a hypocritical United, serving-two-masters element to gain control of our affairs under the guise of a two-cent reform movement that is doing more harm than good by throwing the association into a veritable turmoil? The Crusaders don't care whether they split the National or not—they have said as much. I care whether it is split or not, or made a side show for a rival organization, and if you fellow-members care you can prove it by the manner in which you vote.

Yours for the National, first, last, and all the time.

ALBERT EDWARD BARNARD.

Mr. Hegert's lieutenants are deserting him, like rats leaving a sinking ship. At present Mr. Hegert and his liliputian lackey—Ravis—constitutes the entire rank and file of the Crusade (?) movement.

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THE WATCHER

By Jac Lowell.

A wistful face at the window
Looks out to the deep'ning dark;
She listens there to the rain-beat,
And waits for a footstep—hark!

'Tis nothing else than the branches,
Which creak in the growing gale—
The wistful face is the sadder,
The cheeks are a plastic pale.

A surge of sleet on the window,
A shriek of the whirlwind's start,
A groaning dirge in the treetops,
A fear in a woman's heart!

A sudden step on the doorsill,
A change on the watcher's mien—
"Once more has the good God spared him."
Her face is divine—serene.

WINDY CITY NOTES

The Crusader of Brooklyn, (George J. Houtain, editor) is out strongly endorsing Walter S. Goff as official editor of the *National*. It likewise supports Mr. Barnard for the presidency.

The entire *Crusade* primary ballot amounted to 93 votes. Twenty-one votes for Mr. Barnard were thrown out because they were on one sheet of paper. Had they been counted he (Barnard) would have received the majority vote and the *Crusade* would have had to support him in spite of itself—that is if Hegert honestly adhered to his announced policy. This small response is truly indicative of the unpopularity of a movement that is as foolish as it is contemptible. The *National* isn't looking for *Crusades* these days. It has sense enough to govern itself.

The Chicago Amateur Press Club entertainment will take place at Steinway Theatre, June 13th. Mr. Murphy's laughable farce comedy "The Great Mr. Clayton," interspersed with vaudeville will be the bill. Seats are now on sale and a good attendance is insured. It will be worth the money.

Mr. Hegert pledged the *Crusade's* support to the winner of the primary ballot. Now Mr. Hegert refuses to support Peltret, as "he is an unpopular candidate." Would Mr. Hegert mind telling who his "popular" candidate is, or is he too modest?

So many premature political booms and crusade movements have "went up in the air" during the

past few weeks that the sky recalls memories of the country fairs and its escaped toy balloons.

The lady members of the Chicago A. P. C. have arranged a very interesting and strenuous program for the visiting lady delegates. They say: "Our motto will be 'do what you please, do whom you please and what you don't see ask for!' * * Take all your sleep before you get here girls, for we warn you, 'there is no rest for the wicked' and we mean to have breakfast one hour after the late suppers."

BEAR IN MIND!

In order that your vote will be properly counted, see that your dues are paid before convention. To insure timely arrival you may send them to President Anthony E. Wills, in care of the undersigned, or to the undersigned, or you may enclose in proxy ballots when mailing to the Custodian of ballots. This is very important and will save trouble should the treasurer not be in attendance or his books fail to reach the convention in time, a contingency that sometimes happens.

Vote as your conscience dictates on all the officers, irrespective of the pleadings of personal detractors, and do not fail to vote for San Francisco for next convention seat. It means rejuvenation of the Coast and a year of commendable activity. The Association has a brilliant future before it and we should all pull together in raising it to a higher plane. Let the watchword be "harmony, progress, development."

Faternally,

ALBERT EDWARD BARNARD,
2744 Fulton street, Chicago.

In Memorium.

WILLIAM T. HALL,

EX-PRESIDENT NATIONAL AMATEUR PRESS ASS'N.

DIED

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1903
COLORADO SPRINGS.

SAMUEL J. STEINBERG,

EX-OFFICIAL EDITOR NATIONAL AMATEUR PRESS ASS'N.

DIED

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1903
ALAMEDA, CAL.